

In a letter written from Fort Washington, New York, Charles O'Connor is credited with the following:

Gibbon says there is a vital difference in the consequences of a foreign and civil war. The former is the external warmth of summer, always tolerable, and sometimes beneficial; the latter is the deadly heat of fever, which consumes without remedy the vitals of the constitution. I do not think opinions of a judicial nature concerning the law or the constitution of any consequence. The drunken Democrat whom the Republicans picked out of the Galena gutter, beset with the blood of his countrymen slain in domestic broil, and lifted to a high pedestal as the Moloch of their worship, rules—and until a great change in sentiment shall take place must continue to rule—over the prostrate ruins of Washington's Republic. The Republic perished on the day that McDowell moved on to Richmond.

It is barely possible that Charles O'Connor has not been fully restored to health, if so, his mental faculties must have become deranged during his dangerous illness, and he is no longer at himself, either that or else he pines for a republican form of government that would belie its name. All fair-minded men can but admit that the Republic of today approaches nearer to a government entitled to that name than during Washington's time. Then it was "the land of the free and the home of the slave." Mr. O'Connor, who never owned a slave, pines for a government of that kind no doubt. Had his personal property consisted in part of that kind of live stock, he might with some propriety lament the fate of Washington's Republic. The slaveholder submits with much better grace to the inevitable than do those who for the same reason share Mr. O'Connor's sentiments. As for that "drunken Democrat that the Republicans dragged out of the Galena gutter," the reader of history will find it recorded opposite his name that he was a man of temperate habits and possessed quite as many virtues as Washington; that he survived the most terrific storm of newspaper abuse ever heaped upon any man; that he fought enemies in front and rear for four years, came out victorious, was elevated to the highest office in the gift of the people, which position he filled quite as well as any man could have done. It is a matter of wonder that Grant does not regret he was instrumental in subverting the dismemberment of the Republic. He has certainly received nothing but abuse therefor—and that in a steady stream for the past sixteen years.

We see by the Sentinel that some man has run off with some one's wife, and had taken refuge in Eureka, Elko being the place of starting. The hubby came up with the couple at the former place, but from some cause, though he was a perfect walking arsenal, failed to turn himself loose. A war of words ensued, and nothing more serious is anticipated. The disconsolate man returned to Elko alone, leaving his faithless wife in the hands of him he so hotly pursued to no purpose.

Peter Larkin, under sentence of death in Storey county for the murder of Daniel Corcoran, makes a plea in the Virginia Chronicle for life, and protest his innocence of the crime. That paper says he presents "a circumstantial case of innocence which, to say the least of it, is as strong as the chain of circumstances by which he was convicted," and suggests that the Board of Pardons again review his case.

Before a court martial, ordered to convene at Cheyenne, charges will be brought against Col. John J. Reynolds and Capt. A. G. Moore, of the Third Cavalry, by Major-General Crook, for cowardice and disobedience of orders during the fight with Crazy Horse. General Pope will preside.

Our dispatches this morning indicate that war is almost inevitable between Russia and Turkey, that England will step aside and let those two Powers fight it out. With the opening of Spring hostilities will have fairly commenced, if an open rupture is not sooner precipitated, which latter is highly probable.

Senator Chaffee, of Colorado, is next to Jones and Sharon, the richest man in the Senate of the United States. To be rich is the only qualification necessary to become United States Senator from the mining sections it appears—those who are not take the chance that is left.

The delinquent tax list of Eureka county is not very lengthy, the amount remaining unpaid being but little over one thousand dollars.

Hayes, if a Columbus, Ohio, correspondent is to be believed, is quite sure that he will be peaceably inaugurated next March.

DEATH OF JAMES W. NYE.—Our dispatches this morning bring the intelligence of the death of James W. Nye, ex-Senator of Nevada, at White Plains, New York, on Christmas day. From the reports of his mental derangement which have from time to time appeared in the press of the country his early death was not wholly unexpected. Senator Nye, though indebted to Nevada for the highest honors conferred upon him, was no ordinary man by any means. As a stump-speaker he had few equals, and that, together with his off-hand manner, captured the people of Nevada and he was chosen as one of the first Senators to represent her in Congress when the Silver State was admitted into the Union in '64. Upon the expiration of his term he was again elected, since which time he resided East. He came to Nevada as Governor upon its organization as a Territory in '61, being appointed by Lincoln, and when the State was admitted into the Union was elected Senator as above stated.

A correspondent is informed that the Monitor Belmont has so much pump that the water can't handle it, and in the opinion of a leading San Francisco broker the mine has too much Haggin on it.

The above is only one of three items to the same effect we find in one issue of the Reville. Something wrong about the Monitor Belmont. The assessment on the above was not paid very promptly or very generally doubtless and the mine is now undergoing an airing in consequence. It is expecting too much to suppose a paper can speak in very flattering terms of a mine that fails to pay its advertising bill.

The Gold Hill News publishes a list of marriages and divorces in Storey county during the present year, and an imposing array is presented in both instances. The marriages number 190 and divorces 40.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ophir no change was made in the management of the mine. The Secretary's report shows the cash on hand to be \$319,599.61.

Chicken "disputes" are becoming popular in Virginia City, two having recently come off for \$200 and \$250 a side.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

Virginia Chronicle: Neil Loynachan has accepted Bob Duncan's challenge for a shooting match for \$200 a side, twenty shots to be fired at a 500 yard target, and the deposit money has been sent to Carson. The match is to come off on the 10th of January, at the Mound House.

Eureka Sentinel, 24: J. W. Flemming, who shot John Marsh in Mrs. Brown's restaurant Friday morning, was yesterday admitted to bail by Judge Beatty in the sum of \$3,000. The bond was promptly filed and the prisoner set at large. Judge C. J. Lansing has been retained as counsel by defendant.

Eureka Sentinel, 24: Frank Jeffries, who fell at the Richmond, and John Marsh, shot by Flemming, were both much better yesterday. Dr. Bishop, the attending physician, informs us that neither case is at all likely to prove fatal, unless something wholly unforeseen should occur. At present all of the symptoms in either case are most favorable.

Andrew Elholm, says the Enterprise of the 23d, who was shot in Six-mile Canyon last Saturday morning by James Graham, died yesterday afternoon, and will be buried from Wilson & Brown's undertaking rooms on B street at 3 p. m. today. Deceased was a single man, aged thirty-two years, and a native of Germany.

The Reno Journal has the following: A party of surveyors have just completed the survey of a ditch 31 miles long, to be high enough to irrigate Peavine. It will leave the Truckee river near Bronco, and will carry a stream three feet deep and eight feet wide. About 200,000 acres of now inaccessible land can be watered by it. The desert land a few miles east of us needs only this water to make it fertile, to say nothing of the high lands around Reno. This is one of the most important enterprises in the State, and as it has first-class backing we may feel assured that it will be carried to a successful completion. Work will be commenced as early next Spring as the weather will permit. The value of this ditch to this State can not be calculated.

Sentinel, 24: Shooting scrapes are becoming fashionable in Eureka. The Sentinel had a lengthy item of this character yesterday, and now we are called upon again to give publicity to the details of a bold attempt to take the life of a well-known citizen. Michael McGarry lives at the head of New York Canyon, as does also John McMann and Pat McGinnis. About 5 o'clock p. m. yesterday McGarry started for home on horseback. When near Harbub's reservoir, he met McMann and McGinnis coming to town on foot. The parties were previously disagreed about some ore work by a miner named Nagle, in which McGarry is alleged to have had an interest, but with which the latter says he had nothing

whatever to do. McGarry was halted ostensibly to talk this matter over, and his horse being a little restless he dismounted and stood holding him by the bridle. The conversation had not proceeded far when McMann deliberately drew a pistol, and saying "I am going to kill you right here," or words to that effect, fired, the distance between the parties being not more than four or five feet. McGarry in the meantime, seeing the danger that he was in, and being wholly unarmed, instantly sprang behind his horse, in one of whose legs the ball lodged. McMann promptly prepared to fire again, and was only prevented by McGarry seizing hold of and making a breastwork out of the shooter's partner, McGinnis. The parties played for the advantage for some time, but McGarry stood close to his fortification and succeeded in keeping McGinnis constantly in front of him. At this critical juncture Fred, Barnes' butcher wagon drove in sight, when McMann put away his pistol. McGarry then returned to town and procured a warrant for the arrest of his assailant, but before the officer could serve it McMann went to the Justice's office and gave himself up. Judge Beatty placed him under bonds of \$2,000 to appear for examination January 8th. The necessary bail was quickly furnished, and here the matter rests for the present.

BY TELEGRAPH.

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EASTERN DISPATCHES.

New York, Dec. 28.—Ex-Senator Jas. W. Nye died at White Plains, Westchester county, on Christmas day.

The Times' Washington special says: Several papers have the statement of an interview yesterday between General Anderson, of the Louisiana Returning Board, and the President. The truth is that Anderson was here last Saturday night and Sunday, and left for New Orleans. The business that brought him here has not been divulged, and he had left town before any newspaper reporter had heard of his arrival. He could not very well have seen the President yesterday.

Speaking of the House proceedings today, the Times' Washington special says: Under the rules in force, petitions of great importance on the pending grave questions are smuggled away into the committee-room, pigeon-holed, and never read, but the complaint now against Randall is that he took advantage of his position to present a political document not in the form of a petition when a member of the floor could not even have secured the reading of its title. There was no quorum and no attempt to transact any business.

New York, Dec. 28.—Miss Amy Fawcett, an actress, died on Tuesday.

Some of the papers have a story that Otis Swan, a prominent lawyer, Secretary of a Savings Bank, and an officer of the building committee of the Union League Club, has decamped with \$300,000. Other papers deny the story in toto.

The World's special from Catskill, New York, says: The ice laborers in this neighborhood, to the number of several hundred, went on a strike today for higher wages. One dollar and \$1.25 are offered by the bosses. The strike is for \$1.75 and \$2, the wages of the past season. The strikers are determined and are parading the streets behind a drum corps with a banner asking for \$2 or nothing. Threats are made of covering the ice with kerosene if the wages are not conceded. The local and minor companies are willing to pay the wages demanded, but are governed by the action of the Knickerbocker Company.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Graphic's correspondent at Columbus telegraphed that he has been informed on good authority that Hayes intends to resign the Governorship of Ohio on the reassembling of the Legislature next Tuesday, confidently believing he will be peacefully inaugurated President of the United States on the 4th of March.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections will commence the investigation in the Oregon electoral case to-morrow. All witnesses subpoenaed in the case arrived today.

New York, Dec. 28.—Transactions at the American Mining Board: 100 Alpha 23%, 150 B-lecher 9% @ 10, 100 Best & Belcher 46%, 200 Buleton 21%, 100 Caladonia 13%, 50 Chollar 85, 110 Cleveland 9% @ 10, 1000 Imperial 17%, 50 Con. Va. 40, 200 Confidence 9%, 500 Eschbacher 0%, 500 Gould & Curry 13%, 600 Grant 7%, 300 Hale & Norcross 8%, Julia 4%, 100 Justice 21%, 100 Kenner 8%, 600 Mexican 21% @ 22, 200 Ophir 26, 300 Savage 9%, 100 Seg. Belcher 81%, 100 S. Nevada 9, 100 Silver Hill 8%, 100 Union Con. 9%, 200 Yellow Jacket 15%.

Frederick's photograph establishment near Tony Pastor's theater was burned this morning; loss \$80,000. It was at first supposed that the theater was on fire, but afterwards ascertained the theater was only slightly damaged by water. A great many valuable pictures were destroyed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The Secretary of the Interior has ordered that the City Rook Mining Company's application for a patent for the "King of the West" mine in Utah, shall be suspended until the controversy now pending between the parties in Utah is finally adjusted by the Courts. Secretary Chandler in making this order lays down the following important general principle: First—That it is the duty of the Department when an adverse claim was presented for consideration to examine it and determine whether the claimant has substantially set forth under oath its nature, boundaries, and extent; but secondly, if a compliance with the law is shown in these particulars, and as the suit has

been instituted to determine the right of the parties, the Department can proceed no further with the investigation, but must await the determination of all other questions in regard to the controversy by the Courts. This order is of great importance to mine owners, as it completely reverses the past practice of the Department, which has been to decide mining suits and issue patents while the suits were still pending in the Courts.

PACIFIC COAST.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—The failure of Ford Rogers, a broker of the Pacific Board, is announced.

The Chronicle this morning publishes a lot of interviews with leading stock-brokers and operators as to the causes of the depression in the market and probability of the Con. Virginia passing the January dividend. The general result seems to be that none of them know anything about it. The bulls claim that the depression is the result of a conspiracy on the part of the bonanza firm, Sharon and others to break the market and gather in stock while the bears assert that the mines are in a bad way. Others again say the decline is solely due to the necessities of marginal holders. Flood & O'Brien say nothing. Experts who profess to know the actual condition of the bonanza mines vary as much in their views as the operators. The report on the street that the Nevada Bank had changed the amount of its loans per share on California and Con. Virginia stock is emphatically denied at the bank counter, money being loaned on either at the rate of \$25 per share as heretofore. Other banks deny the correctness of the recent rumor that they refused to lend even ten per cent. of the market value on the bonanzas on account of distrust of the state of affairs alleging they are still loaning as usual to about one-third of the market rates.

CEFFER'S CANYON, Mendocino county, Cal., Dec. 28.—This morning a team containing five persons, viz: Jno. Bishop, Frank Scott, a son of A. W. Hall, Miss Carrie Smith and Jennie Smith, sisters, was going down Elk Creek grade, when the horses became unmanageable, and when near the foot of the grade they ran off. The earth caved and covered Carrie and Jennie Smith partially. Bishop was killed outright, Carrie was dead when taken out and Jennie is severely injured, but not dangerously; Hall and Scott escaped with slight injuries. John Bishop, Carrie and Jennie Smith reside at Kibessillab, Mendocino county.

FOREIGN NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A special from Pera says that the Sultan in answer to Lord Salisbury's representation, said that his personal safety would be compromised if he conceded all that the Powers demanded.

A special from Vienna says that on Tuesday 5,000 Russians crossed the Danube from Thurnsverin.

A cabinet meeting on the Eastern question will be held at Vienna today.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 28.—The prevalent opinion is that the Porte will not accept Lord Salisbury's proposal.

VIENNA, Dec. 28.—General Nankin, at the review, in taking command of the Serbian army said: "In a week's time you will have an opportunity to prove your courage before the enemy."

An English Estimate of President Grant.

[From the London Weekly.]

Grant is to retire, we fear, after a long public life, to taste the bitterness that an ungrateful country drives into the heart of a public servant. His services to the country are priceless. He rallied and led a discouraged army, and by his iron will and unflinching courage saved the country. Although stern in the field, he became modest and kind afterward. He prevented the trial of Lee as a traitor, holding him as prisoner of war under parole. Although he cannot be held guiltless of grave errors during the Presidency, his enemies cannot deny that his self-reliant, unbending character has led American legislators and journalists, smarting under his disdain, to treat him unjustly. The fierce light which beats upon a throne is mild moonshine compared with the glare under which the President of the United States walks and sits and sleeps. Wounded and deserted by unjust and ungrateful men, General Grant has a careworn face and dejected manner. He will be glad when his time comes to turn his back on the White House. In his retirement he will find solace for the public contumely which is the return for his heroic service as a soldier. Time will do him justice. It will probably be over his tomb that the first words of national repentance for wrongs done to this great citizen will be heard.

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